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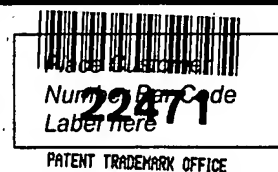
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I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD FOR REDUCING NON-SPECIFIC AGGREGATION OF LATEX MICROPARTICLES  
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